Forty-Sixth Anniversary

OF THE

JUDSON

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Union Hill Baptist Church

September 8th, 9th and 10th 1898.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATOIN

R. S. THOMAS, Moderator, Plantersville, Miss.
J. S. HOWERTON, Clerk, Guntown, Miss.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer, Nettleton, Miss.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

LICENTIATES—J. C. LAWHORN, L. B. GANDY.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ELDER W. J. THOMAS, Abney, Miss.
ELDER J. J. TURNER, P. Mantachie, Miss.
ELDER S. S. HOUSTON

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Minutes.

The Judson Baptist Association convened in its Forty-sixth session with the church at Union Hill, September the 8th, 1898. Elder W. H. Moore preached the introductory sermon from 1st John 4th chapter and 8th verse. After which a recess was taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled by singing. Moderator Moore was present and presiding. Elder W. F. Davis lead in prayer. The clerk being absent J. S. Howerton was made clerk pro tem. The churches were called and letters from the following were handed in, read and names of messengers enroled as follows:

FRIENDSHIP—J. S. Howertown, W. L. Hopkins, J. D. Long and J. B. Merchant, alternate.

BETHEL—J. G. Chilcoat, R. E. Summers, J. R. Gregory, W. F. Watson, alternate.

BALLARDSVILLE—W. H. Gregory, G. W. Ballard, and A. Gregory.

PLEASANT HILL—W. M. Gardner, J. J. Roberts and W. C. Turner.

PLANTERSVILLE—R. G. Biggers, R. S. Thomas and R. F. Hill.

CENTER HILL—T. C. Harris, L. B. Gandy, R. L. Birmingham and R. H. Rogers alternate.

RICHNOND—W. H. Moore, P. J. Mattox, B. Lesley and T. R. Marshall alternate.

LIBERTY—D. M. Brown, S. H. Enlow, R. P. Finney and J. H. Worthy alternate.

UNION HILL—J. D. Coggins, I. B. Coggins, J. H. Finney and A. J. Hill alternate.

BOUGHFALA—L. P. McCarty, B. F. Gregory, H. Gregory and Jno. Stevens alternate.

HOPEWELL—W. J. Thomas, E. L. Gray, B. E. Bourland and P. F. Wallace alternate.

MANTACHIE—W. A. Reynolds, J. B. Grimes, S. H. Turner and J. W. Morris alternate.

OAK GROVE—J. J. Turner, H. C. Rushing, C. A. Hodge and G. W. Leigh alternate.

EVERGREEN—T. E. McMasters, M. V. Mattox, W. F. Armstrong and S. B. Na-

bors alternate.

SHILOH—T. J. Johnson, W. F. Lyle, S. S. Houston and S. M. T. Houston alternate.

With Elder W. F. Davis and Elder J. L. Furgerson as tellers, the Association proceeded to elect its officers, which resulted in the choice of R. S. Thomas Moderator, J. S. Howerton Clerk and J. M. Armstrong Treasurer.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Arrangements—J. A. Williams, J. M. Armstrong and D. M. Brown.

On Devotion—P. J. Mattox, R. F. Hill and B. F. Gregory, together with the Deacons and Pastor of the Union Hill Church.

Committee on arrangements report the same order of business as last session. Report received and the committee discharged.

By motion the regular order of business was suspended. Devotional committee report that Elder W. F. Davis preach to-night and Elder D. R. McClung tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The same Sunday School board was retained.

It was decided that the next session of the Association would convene with the church at Bethel, thirteen miles east of Tupelo on Thursday before the second Lord's day in September, 1899. Elder J. J. Turner to preach the introductory sermon with Elder W. H. Moore alternate.

Correspondents were called for when the following presented themselves and were received:

From West Judson, Elder W. F. Davis and J. A. Taylor.

From Tom Bigby, Elder D. R. McClung.

From Aberdeen, Elder J. L. Furgerson.

Correspondents were appointed as follows:

It was ordered that any member of this body presenting a minute of this meeting, should be regarded as a correspondent to the Aberdeen, West Judson, Tishomingo and Bear Creek Associations. To the Tom Bigby, S. H. Turner, S. S. Houston and J. J. Turner.

To Baptist State Convention, P. J. Mattox, J S. Howerton, J. A. Williams and R. S. Thomas.

To Southern Baptist Convention, R. S. Thomas with J. M. Armstrong alternate.

By motion the same Executive board was retained, viz: J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Williams, S. H. Turner, J. L. Bailey and James Gregory.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON FRATERNAL DEAD—W. J. Thomas, W. C. Turner and W. L. Hopkins.

ON MISSIONS—J. J. Turner, J. D. Coggins and L. P. McCarty.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—P. J. Mattox, D. M. Brown and R. G. Biggers.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—R. H. Rogers, W. A. Gregory and B. Lesley.

ON ORPHANAGE—J. D. Coggins, J. B. Merchant and P. F. Wallace.

ON THE USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS—J.A. Williams E. L. Gray and J. G. Chilcoat.

ON STATE OF RELIGION—B. F. Gregory, G. W Ballard and L. B. Gandy.

ON COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNINGS—J. R. Gregory, A. I. Hill and R. P. Finney.

ON MANUSCRIPTS—R. F. Hill, J. H. Finney and R. A. Summers.

ON PUBLICATION—B. Lesley, J. A. Williams and T. C. Harris.

ON MUSIC—Henry Gregory, P, J. Mattox and G. W. Ballard.

ON FINANCE—J. M. Armstrong, J. J. Turner, and J. A. Williams.

ON RESOLUTIONS—J. J. Turner, R. H. Rogers and S. H. Enlow.

The Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 tomorrow morning. At night Elder W. F. Davis preached an interesting sermon. Text, 2nd cor. 5th chap. and 20th verse.

FRIDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 9.

The Association came together at 9 o'clock by singing. The Moderator read 18 verses of 3rd chapter of John and led in prayer—minutes of yesterday read corrected and approved.

Elder J. J. Turner read the following report on

MISSIONS.

We your committee on missions would report as follows: Next to the command to "Love the Lord thy God with all thy

soul and all thy mind and all thy strength, and to love thy neighbor as thyself," stands the command, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "For how shall they (the world) believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" We believe our obligation to preach the gospel is limited by our opportunities, and surely our opportunity is great, for almost the whole world is waiting to hear the gospel. The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. We, therefore, beseech every brother, every sister, every one that you give of your means to preach the gospel, so that the blessed time may soon come when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters do the great deep. Which after remarks by S. G. Cooper, D. R. McClung and others, was adopted. Elder S. G. Cooper was received as a corresponding messenger from The West Judson. The letters from Shiloh was handed in, read and names of messengers enroled.

The Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Benediction by Elder S. G. Cooper. During recess Elder D. R. McClung preached an edifying sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Text 15th verse of 17th Psalm.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The asscciation reassembled persuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. J. Turner. Devotional committee report that Elder S. G. Cooper preach to-night and Elder J. L. Furguson to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

R. S. Thomas read the following report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

About one-half the churches within our body have Sunday Schools and use the literature of Southern Baptist Publishing Co., with enrollment approximating five hundred. Some of them he'd Childrens day services, and where held, seemed to be not only enjoyable but profitable, and we do recommend the observance of this to all the schools as it is calculated to encourage and stimulate the young people. The Sunday School conven-

tion was held with Union Hill church embracing the second Sunday in August, and notwithstanding the schools were not all represented, the attendance was good and much interest manifested. Now we find that the churches that have no Sunday-schools are not entirely without excuse, since they are generally situated in sparsely settled communities, yet we do not feel that the obstacles are unsurmountable if the churches would only take a proper view of and realize the importance of the work as we see it.

We view the Bible as the true basis of education, both temporal and spiritual, realizing that in natural life there are three departments that should be thoroughly educated, viz: Mental, moral and physical, and that if we would have our sons and daughters go out into the world well rounded, polished, characterred men and women, each of those must receive proper training, so the mental faculties may be able to investigate and arrive at a correct conclusion of all the problembs that may confront them in life. Again, it teaches us to th correctly, and whatever thinks they will try to hence its teachings will ca us to more closely approxin Divine living, for as thinketh so is he, and anyone to be improperly insufficiently trained in eit of these departments, t stand as an incomplete p son and more susceptible be led astray by wicked evil influences that may s round them. Again it is only book that tells of three great fundamental pr lems that confront the u verse, viz: God's thoug concerning man, ma thoughts concerning God a man's thoughts concerni fellow-man. Again, from teaching alone do we rece information of the creati and the object, purpose a destiny of man, by an c servance of its teachings. W by faith, are made to reali that by God's grace w through the merits of Chris his son and our Redeeme will be finally admitted in the Paradise of God.

May these facts stimulate u to renewed energy in gi

ncouragement to the promo-
on of the Sunday-school in-
erest, remembering that upon
he children of today will soon
est the responsibility of both
hurch and state." Which,
fter some remarks was
dopted.

Eld. Wm. J. Thomas read
he following report on Fra-
ernal Dead: "We find that
ince our last meeting the
Lord has taken to their re-
vard six of our members, viz:
Ballardsville: Bro. J. A. Bal-
ard, Sr.; Hopewell: Sisters
Priddy and Gillentine; Rich-
mond: Sister Fannie McShan;
Liberty: Sister Margaret Rid-
ings, who had been in the
service of her Master for more
than fifty years. One from
Oak Grove not named. We
have an abiding faith they
are in the Paradise of God."
Which, after remarks by Eld.
S. G. Cooper, was adopted.

The letter from Evergreen
was handed in, read and
names of messengers enrolled.

P. J. Mattox read the fol-
lowing report on "Ministerial
Education;" We believe in
ministerial education when it
is possible for them to obtain
it. For the reason that many
false teachers have gone out
into world, teaching heresy,
and many are lead away from
the truth. Therefore, we
think it altogether necessary
to have an educated ministry
in order that they may con-
fute error and set forth the
true doctrines of the Gospel.
But a great deal of caution
should be used by the church
in setting apart men for the
work of the ministry. How-
ever, we would not say any-
thing that would discourage
the uneducated, for we believe
that great and everlasting
good has been done by uned-
ucated men. After remarks
by Elds. W. J. Thomas and
W. F. Coggins, was adopted.

J. D. Goggins read the fol-
lowing report on The Orphan-
age: "We find from reading
the second annual report that
we have at Jackson, Miss.,
what is known as the Missis-
sipi Baptist Orphanage, where
as far as possible, a home shall
be given to every destitute
white orphan in Mississippi
who may apply, whatever may
have been the religious faith
of the parents, whether Bap-
tist, Methodist, Presbyterian,
Campbellite, Episcopalian,

Catholic, Jew or infidel. That everything is to be managed strictly upon business principles and every dollar appropriated according to the wishes of the giver. Brother L. S. Foster is the superintendent." After rematks, was adopted.

J. A. Williams read the following report on the Use of Intoxicating Liquors: "We believe that the use of intoxicating drinks is one of the greatest evils with which men have had to contend. All the wars, pestilences and famines have not slain as many men as strong drink. We find that there has been great progress made in putting down this great evil. Now, we believe that it is still the duty of God's people to use all means in their power to stop the use of this accursed stuff. Brethren, our state laws are good. There are but few counties in our state that retails whisky lawfully. The "wildcat," or "blind tiger," business is the trouble. How can this be suppressed? This work belongs to the church, or people of God. We need officers to execute the law, who are Christians, and having the cause of Christ at heart and using every laudable means in their power to suppress this evil. We would recommend to the brethren of this association that they should not cast a ballot in any election for any man who is an habitual dram drinker, or who is in sympathy with the whiskey business. Therefore, let us call upon God to direct us by the Holy Spirit in the suppression of this, the greatest of evils. "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing." After remarks by several brethren, was adopted.

The Association adjourned to meet in the morning, at 8:30 o'clock. At night, Eld. S. G. Cooper preached an interesting sermon. Theme: "The Two Covenants."

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 10.

The Association re-convened persuant to adjournment, by singing "Jesus Lover Of My Soul." The Moderator read 18th chapter of Luke. J. A. Williams lead in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

J. S. Howerton read for committee the following re-

port on "The State of Religion." From the reports made in the letters, and talking with the messengers, we find that the most of our churches have, to some extent, been revived in the work of Christ. There have been several accessions to several of the churches. Only two churches have divisions among them. The mission report is more favorable than it has formerly been. Let us pray the Lord to revive this work in our hearts and that the Lord will bless us in all our Godly undertakings." After remarks by the Moderator, was adopted.

J. R. Gregory read the following report on "Colleges and other Institutions of Learning:" The subject presented for our consideration is one that engrosses the attention of the masses more than ever before. It has been said by one: 'We must educate or we must perish by our own posterity.' The people, seeing the necessity of the times, have inaugurated a system, by which all can receive a liberal education, and for this purpose schools of various grades have been organized where the children, the young men and the young women, all over our country, can be educated and fully prepared to enter upon and perform the duties—the responsible duties—of life. We have many good schools in our own beloved state, two of which we would especially recommend, to-wit: Mississippi College, for our young men, and Blue Mountain Female College, for our girls. W. T. Lowery, one of our most successful educators, is now the honored president of Mississippi College, and will devote his knowledge, his talent and his influence in moulding the minds of our boys for places of honor and usefulness in all the positions of life. Then, for our girls, Blue Mountain Female College is unsurpassed. She has sent out teachers, book-keepers, telegraphers and missionaries, all of whom are highly honored in their respective places. We are glad, too, that we have schools of high order too numerous to mention all over our country so we can educate our children to fill places of honor in all departments of

life. Let us, then, make use of the means God has placed in our power that when we shall have passed from the arena of life our children may take our places in the functions and duties of the same and perform these duties better than we have ever done." After remarks by J. L. Furguson and others was adopted.

B. Lesley read the following report on "Publications:" "We recommend, first of all, the reading of the Bible. We would recommend, further, The Orphans' Gem, and for our mission work, The Foreign Mission Journal; and for Sunday-school series, the literature published by the Sunday-school board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with all other sound Baptist publication." After remarks was adopted.

R. F. Hill read the following report on "Manuscripts:"

"We find that the Union of the First District meets with Friendship church on Thursday, before the third Lord's day in August, 1899. Eld. S. S. Houston to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. J. J. Turner, alternate.

SUBJECTS AND PERSONS T WRITE:

1. To what extent can Ba tists scripturally affiliate wit other denominations?—D. F Bickerstaff.

2. Why do Baptists ba tize?—W. A. Reynolds.

4. History of the Bapti church.—J. S. Howerton.

5. Is there Scriptural a thority for our present missio system? If so, produce it.— J. J. Turner.

6: An exegesis of the pa able of the ten virgins.—S. S Houston.

7. The Lord's Supper: ho often and to whom should be offered?—James Gregor

We also find that the Unio of the Second district mee with the Center Hill churc on Thursday before the fir Lord's day in August, 189 Bro. J. C. Lawhorn to preac the introductory sermon, an Eld. W. H. Moore, alternat

SUBJECTS AND PERSONS T WTITE.

1. What is the differen between excitement and e thusiasm?—R. S. Thoma

2. What are the essentia to a revival of the work

ord among his people?—W. Moore.

3. Is doctrinal pre ching in y sense essential to the in-thering of souls?—J. A. illiams.

4. How is baptism connect-with the remission of sins? M. Armstrong.

5. Scriptural proof of im-ersion as baptism, and what symbolizes.—J. C. Law, rn.

6. What should be done th a member, or members, the church who refuse to give an offending brother, o has made confessions of wrong and asks for for-eness?—P. J. Mattox.

7. Should personal differ-ces be held against an of-ding member who has de confession to the church? T. A. Marshall.

8. Should the pastor of a urch show any disposition take sides in the settlement any difficulty coming be-e the church, of which he is stor?—B. Lesley.

Which was adopted.

R. H. Rogers read the fol-ving report on "Ministerial pport:" "We realize of a th that our ministers do not receive, in a great many instances, a sufficient compensation for their labors, and by the stingyness of our churches to our preachers we have almost driven all of them from Old Judson Association, snd should we pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the Lord's vine-yard? Nay, not until we, as churches, learn to do our du-ty toward supporting our pas-tors, then we may, with a clear conscience, pray the Lord of the harvest that he may send more laborers into his vineyard in old Judson As-sociation." After remarks by many brethren, was adopted.

H. Gregory read the fol-lowing report on "Music:" "Good music is an important part of the worship of God. In order that this part of the worship be acceptable to God, there must be melody in the heart; therefore, the heart of the worshiper should, in tune, be found like Daaid's harp—solemn sound. The senti-ment of the song should be sound in faith; it should speak forth no uncertain sentiment; it should be in accord with God's revealed truth. We

recommend Harvest Bells, Baptist Hymnal and others equally approved. We urge our churches to supply themselves with good song books, and study the songs they sing, that they may sing with the Spirit and understanding. After remarks by Eld. W. F. Davis, was adopted.

The Association adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock.

During recess, Eld J. L. Furguson preached to a large congregation. Text; First Thes. 2:4.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met persuant to adjournment; prayer by J. D. Coggins.

J. M. Armstrong read the following report on Finance:

Boughfala, $1, minutes; Bethel, $1.55, minutes; Friendship, $1, minutes; Mantachie, $1, minutes; Oak Grovec, .35, home missions, .75c, minutes; Richmond, $1.07; Ballardsville, $100, foreign missions; $1, minutes; Pleasant Hill, .60c, foreign missions, 85c; home missions, $1.50, minutes; Center Hill, $4.10 foreign missious, $4.10, state missions, $4.10, home missions, $1.30, minutes; Evergreen, $1.45, minutes; Hopewell $5.35, foreign missions, $1.20, minutes; Liberty, .35c, home mission, .89, minutes; Plantersville, $5, foreign missions, $5, state missions, $5, home missions, $30, Mississippi College, $5, Orphanage, $1.90, minutes; Union Hill, $1.10, foreign missions, $1.10, state missions, $1.10, home missions, $1.50, minutes; Shiloh, .35c minutes. Total: Foreign missions, $116.15. State missions, $10.10. Home missions, $11.65. Mississippi College, $30. Orphanage, $5. Minutes, $17.46.

The treasurer also presented the following as his report for the the past Associational Year:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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Amount carried over from 1897	$70 00
From executive committee of 1898, from	
Carolina Blythe,	50
Bethel church,	3 50
Evergreen, "	4 90
Mantachie "	1 00
Oak Grove "	1 55
Hopewell "	1 15
Union Hill "	25
Total Public Collection	12 75
R. S. Thomas, Plantersville,	35 00
J. A. Ballard, Ballardsville,	100 00
State missions,	16 10
Foreign missions	16 15
Home missions	11 65
Minute Fund	17 46
Total,	$285 77

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W J Thomas,	$45 00
Minutes	17 00
Foreign missions	130 00
Missippi College,	30 00
Orphanage.	5 00
State and Home miss.	10 00
Expenses,	13
W. F. Davis,	5 00
Total,	$222 13

Amount on hand, $63 64.

Adopted.

By motion the executive committee was ordered to pay to Eld. William J. Thomas all public collections at Fifth Sunday meetings of past associational year.

The committee on resolutions read the following, which which was adopted:

1. Resolved, that this body bitterly condemns the sale, traffic or disposition in any way of spirituous or intoxicating liquors.

2. Resolved, that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the good people of this church and community for their kind hospitality during this session of the body.

By motion, adjourned to meet with Bethel church on Thursday before the second Lord's day in September, 1899.

A song was sung and the parting hand was extended. This closed one of the most interesting, harmonious and profitable sessions of the Judson Association.

R. S. THOMAS, Mod.

J. S. HOWERTON, Cl'k.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the United Baptist churches in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Association, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw, and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

ART. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number or white male and female members; number of colored members; time of meeting; number of Baptists received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter; excluded; dead, since last Association; the name of pastor and post-office.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel, either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

ART. 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Shou'd any church neglect to represent herself, she shall state the reason in her letter to the next Association.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order, the reception thereof to be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand.

ART. 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of

ecorum, of their own adop-
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ART. 7. The Association
all annually elect a modera-
from among themselves,
hose duty it shall be to see
at the Rules of Decorum are
served, and take the voice
the Association on all ques-
ns properly brought before
Also a clerk shall be elect-
whose duty lt shall be to
ke correct minutes of the
ts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be
eived for the consideration
the Association until the
urch presenting it shall
ve made an effort to answer
to her satisfaction and
led to do so.

RT. 9. The Association shall
ve a fund for the support
the same, which shall be
sed by voluntary contribu-
ns of the churches, sent by
eir delegates, which money
all be deposited in the hands
the treasurer, chosen by the
sociation, who shall be ac-
untable to the Association
all moneys received by him
treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association
all in all cases be governed
a majority of the members
present, except in the reception and dismissions of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. The Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an introductory sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also the time and place for next Association.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union, only when es tablished by a sister church.

ART. 14. This constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches composing the body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is

but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and that this triune God is the only object of all religious worship and adoration; and that all worship paid to anything else, in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in his sight.

3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence that all his posterity, by ordinary generations, are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and that unless God, himself has provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have all sinned.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation, and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son, that this way of salvation was adopted in the eternal counc before the foundation of th world, according to which Go saves sinners through th sanctification of the Spirit an belief of the truth.

6. We believe that falle man has nothing and can d nothing of himself to recom mend him to the favorabl notice of the Divine being and that all his hope of pardon sanctification, justification anc redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ

7. We believe that Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son o God, is the only mediator between God and man; that he first became our surety, and in the fullness of time and sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that he makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon his own and all-attoning sacrifice, and perfect righteousness before God.

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition; and in making the Gospel plan of mercy plain and acceptable to him.

9. We believe that all who

are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the rightousness of Christ, which is in all, and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, shall be eternally saved.

11. We believe that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body, but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's day, is sanctified, or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of his kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God as His providence may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions, or ordinances, to be observed in his church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper, and none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the ap-

peal is made on the same day but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

ART. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked; any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 10. The appellation of brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority may deem necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Post Office	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership*	Day of Meeting
Boughfala	S. G. Cooper	Mooresville		4	6	1		62	1	
Bethel	W. A. Reynolds	Dorsey			3	3		118	2	
‡Fellowship		Saltillo						29		
Friendship	W. A. Reynolds	Guntown	2	6	2	4		69	4	
Mantachie	W. A. Reynolds	Mantachie		2		2	1	74	3	
‡Mt. Vernon		Ita						65		
Oak Grove	W. A. Reynolds	Ratliff	3	8	1	5	4	111	1	
‡Oak Hill										
Pleasant Hill	W. N. Swain	Tupelo	7	7		1		94	1	
Shiloh	R. D. McClung	Kirkville						25		
‡Unity	J. J. Turner	Longville						31		
Ballardsville	S. G. Cooper	Ballardsville	1		3		1	22	1	
Center Hill	J. L. Furguson	Plantersville	1	1		4	1	60	4	
Evergreen	W. H. Moore	Evergreen		2	4	1	1	27	2	
Hopewell	N. T. Clayton	Abney	1		1	2	6	2	149	4
Liberty	W. H. Moore	Bigby Fork	8		2	4		1	94	1
Plantersville	J. L. Furguson	Plantersville	6	2		2	3		44	2
Richmond	W. H. Moore	Richmondle	3	7		5		1	62	3
Union Hill	J. L. Furguson	Allensburg							49	4
		Total,	32	39	6	44	19	8	1185	

‡Not representend. Membership copied from last report.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:—I have Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum printed in 1500 copies for the money placed in my hands. I retain none for my services, but will retain a few minutes to mail to the Associations with which I correspond. Hoping the brethren will be pleased with the style, work and number of copies, I remain, fraternally,

J. S. HOWERTON.

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"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast." Eph 2—8—9.

"And Jesus when he was baptised, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the Heavens were opened unto him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him." Matthew 3—16.

"And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunich; and he baptised him." Acts 8—38.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Sou and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28—19—20.